

application desire patent protection. Entry of these amendments into the present application, prior to a first Official Action on the merits, is hereby respectfully requested.

Planned change in inventorship. Certain of the claimed subject matter above, in particular the features recited in new claims 27-41, were the result of inventive activity of two inventors, currently named inventor Masayuki Chatani and a second inventor Andrew James House.

The applicants are currently in the process of preparing the necessary submissions under 37 CFR 1.48 (Correction of Inventorship). However, because this case may be ripe for action at any time, to ensure the consideration of the new claims, this Preliminary Amendment is being submitted now, with the Correction in Inventorship to be handled as soon as possible hereafter.

In order to facilitate entry of the above new claims, replacement pages are submitted. Specifically, the attached new pages 30-48 shall replace current pages 30-39, so that the total pages in the application (specification, claims and abstract) shall now be 48.

Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments:  
Replacement Pages 30-48 (to replace pages 30-39)

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